

## Florida

### AIDS Rate per 100,000

27.9\*

### State Funds for HIV Early Intervention Services

STATE EXPENDITURES	
Required Base	SFY 2007 Expenditures Maintenance
N/A	N/A
N/A = Not applicable	

  

SAPT EXPENDITURES	
FY 2005 HIV Set-Aside	FY 2008 Planned
\$4,716,939	\$4,764,516

### FY 2008 SAPT Reports

Florida contracts with substance abuse providers to provide HIV early intervention services. Services provided include pre/post test counseling, HIV rapid testing, stress management, risk reduction/behavioral change strategies, health promotion, case management, outreach linkages.

HIV EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES PROVIDED							
Rapid Testing	Funding Rapid Testing	Regular HIV Testing	Pre-Test and Post-Test Counseling	Referral Services	Risk Assessment	HIV/AIDS Education	Outreach
✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

### State Narrative Summary

In State Fiscal Years 2005–2006, the State contracted 41 providers to provide HIV early intervention services. More than 17,500 people in substance abuse treatment received some HIV services; 13,494 received HIV early intervention services, including 5,243 who received HIV testing. In addition to the standard services, Florida's model includes elements such as help with bereavement issues, stress management, case management, and quality of life improvement for people identified as being HIV positive or living with AIDS. In State Fiscal Year 2006–2007, 16,013 people in substance abuse treatment received HIV early intervention

\*The most recent data published prior to October 1, 2007 by the CDC is Table 14, Reported AIDS cases and annual rates (per 100,000 population), by area of residence and age category, cumulative through 2005–United States, HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report 2005 Vol. 17, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, Division of HIV/AIDS, Prevention, Surveillance, and Epidemiology. Single copies of the report are available through the CDC National Prevention Information Network, 1-800-458-5231 or 301-562-1098 or <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/resources/reports/2005report/table14.htm>

services and 9,669 of these received HIV tests. The Substance Abuse Program Office worked closely with the Florida department of Health to implement rapid HIV testing in targeted areas of the state through HIV Early Intervention Block Grant funded and SAMHSA funded sites. As of April 30, 2006, the SAMHSA RHTI providers had conducted over 6,850 rapid HIV tests with 114 reactive test results for a positivity rate of 1.6%. Efforts continued to support collaboration with the Florida Department of Health to address provider training needs and to improve HIV prevention and intervention services. At the fall 2006 Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association conference, the State Health Office provided special trainings and sessions related to HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases. Ongoing plans are to continue to provide and promote services and trainings statewide and to continue to address education and networking among the local agencies that serve people with HIV and those with substance abuse problems.

## Full State Narrative

### FY 2005 (COMPLIANCE)

Florida's Department of Health epidemiological data of AIDS cases were used to determine the allocation of the set-aside funds for baseline. The cumulative number of AIDS cases over the past three year period from each county was calculated and totaled by SPA to determine Florida's allocation methodology among geographic areas. All regions of the state received set-aside funds and most rural areas that have substance abuse treatment services also have HIV Early Intervention Services. There were 41 providers under contract in SFY 2005-06. 17,572 individuals in substance abuse treatment received some HIV services and 13,494 received HIV Early Intervention Services, with 5,243 of these reported as receiving HIV testing.

This is the 2005-06 funding allocation by the Department's districts:

DISTRICT	2005-06 FUNDING ALLOCATION
D1	\$76,763
D2	\$90,007
D3	\$186,028
D4	\$544,372
D7	\$444,989
SC	\$550,987
D9	\$473,646
D10	\$656,512
D11	\$1,160,086
D12	\$77,210
D13	\$101,832
D14	\$104,759
D15	\$123,130
D30	\$20,000

These services are located at the substance abuse treatment sites and are designed to provide the core program model prescribed in 45 CFR Part 96.128. Florida's model also incorporates bereavement issues, stress management, risk reduction/behavioral change strategies, nutritional strategies, health promotion, case management, outreach linkages and quality of life improvement for individuals identified as HIV positive or living with AIDS. Services were provided on a voluntary basis to all willing clients admitted for treatment in those provider agencies. These are designated as "Confidential Test Sites" by the Florida Department of Health.

Substance abuse provider model contract requires compliance with HIV Early Intervention Services requirements of the block grant. SPA staff monitor all providers who receive block grant funds to ensure compliance. Discharge reports in the Florida One Family Substance Abuse and Mental Health Statewide Data System document HIV Early Intervention Services provided by client. Data from actual test results can be obtained from the Florida Department of Health for Drug Treatment sites using the state lab. This agency also keeps records on the number who test positive for HIV. These are periodically monitored.

Efforts continued to support strong collaboration with the Florida Department of Health to address provider training needs, and to plan for improved HIV/AIDS prevention and intervention. The provider network of HIV Early Intervention programs was regularly informed and involved in statewide major events and initiatives coordinated by the State Health Office, Bureau of HIV/AIDS. These providers work with local HIV/AIDS prevention and Ryan White providers in the community on event such as World AIDS Day (December 1 annually), National Black AIDS Awareness Day (February 7 annually), National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (October 15 annually), and National HIV Testing Day (June). The Florida HIV/AIDS Community Planning Group included a substance abuse consumer or specialized worker as an at large member representing special substance abuse interest in development of the states HIV/AIDS Prevention Plan. This plan continued to include substance abusers as six of its 13 priority populations for intervention: white, black and Hispanic injecting drug users and injecting drug users/male sex male.

In 2005-06, the Substance Abuse Program Office participated with the Florida Department of Health in coordinating and conducting a five-part series of collaboration cross trainings throughout the state, supported through the SAMHSA funded technical assistance project.

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#### **FY 2007 (PROGRESS)**

The state continued the baseline allocation to geographic areas 43 providers were funded in 2006-07 for HIV Early Intervention Projects throughout the state. Substance abuse provider model contract require compliance with HIV/AIDS requirements of the block grant. SPA staff monitor all providers who receive block grant funds to ensure compliance. No compliance problems have been identified. During the first three quarters of SFY 2006-07, 10,125 individuals in substance abuse treatment were provided HIV Early Intervention Services.

The State continued its Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Florida Department of Health to provide administrative support, data collection, site certification and training for HIV Rapid Testing in 17 targeted sites. \$20,000 of the HIV Early Intervention set aside funds support this effort with the Department of Health providing substantial leveraged technical expertise and staff support for this initiative.

All HIV Early Intervention sites continued to be offered the opportunity to implement HIV Rapid Testing and those sites who indicated an interest were provided with technical assistance and support. In 2006, the state decided to opt out of the SAMHSA Rapid Testing Initiative, given the associated workload issues for both the state and participating providers, combined with the lack of availability of additional free rapid test kits. However, during 2006-07, the state continued to provide support for the 17 existing sites providing rapid testing (some of these are HIV Early Intervention Projects). The Department of Health (DOH) provided these sites with Rapid Test Kits from its resources because the current sites are designated as high priority sites by

DOH. No HIV Early Intervention provider that is interested in implementing rapid testing and that is willing to comply with related requirements will be denied. Thus, the state continues to be committed to implementation of rapid testing in strategic areas when providers are willing to participate. Many providers, however, are content with OraSure Saliva Tests for clients who are in ongoing treatment. Strategies for continued long-term funding for the rapid test kits are being explored should additional providers chose to participate.

In addition to the wealth of special HIV/AIDS trainings offered through various venues throughout the state, during the Fall of 2006 Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association conference, the State Health Office provided special trainings and sessions related to HIV/AIDS, TB and Hepatitis. The DOH is planning for an optional preconference day for this annual conference scheduled for August 22-24, 2007, as well as a session on HIV Risk and Testing Behaviors among Injecting Drug Users.

The Florida State Health Office was invited in 2006-07 and participated in the quarterly conference calls of state HIV/AIDS coordinators coordinated by the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors.

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#### **FY 2008 (INTENDED USE)**

**Goal:** To provide treatment for persons with substance abuse problems with an emphasis in making available within existing programs early intervention services for HIV in areas of the state that have the greatest need for such services and to monitor such service delivery.

**Objective:** Treatment for persons with substance abuse problems will be provided with an emphasis on making available early intervention services for HIV. These programs are located in all newly defined circuits of the department. The service delivery system will be monitored utilizing a monitoring tool that incorporates the guidelines in 45 C.F.R. 96.128.

#### **Activities:**

1. Continue funding HIV Early Intervention projects in the newly created department circuits based on the number of AIDS cases in each circuit, using the existing allocation methodology to compute past three year cumulative HIV/AIDS cases by county.
2. Monitor compliance through contract monitoring.
3. Analyze data on HIV Early Intervention services provided and HIV test results.
4. Continue to work with the Florida Department of Health to ensure provision of AIDS/HIV/TB services, specifically:
  - a. Ensure staff in substance abuse providers, working with clients who are at risk of, or positive for, HIV infection, meet HIV/AIDS training requirements; and
  - b. Facilitate community education and outreach efforts that are factual and culturally sensitive.
5. Address education and networking between the local agencies that serve the HIV and substance abuse population.
6. Continue to support the Memorandum of Understanding with the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS, to continue support for the HIV Rapid Testing implementation in 17 targeted Substance Abuse program sites in coordination with the SAMHSA Rapid Testing Initiative Coordinator.
7. Develop a plan for targeted training of substance abuse HIV Early Intervention sites funded through the set-aside. Preliminary discussions have occurred with Florida Dept of Health for doing a statewide training, focusing on program requirements, best practices, state regulations, and to include special training on Tuberculosis and Hepatitis C.

## HIV Early Intervention Services

All clients receiving Department of Children & Families contracted substance abuse treatment services must be provided with HIV risk assessments and referrals to public health or private providers if in house capacity does not exist for HIV testing. However, most of the substance abuse providers under contract with the Department have capacity to test for HIV, either rapid testing, OraSure Saliva tests, or traditional testing.

In FY 2004-05, all fourteen of Florida's SPAs received early intervention set-aside funds to implement services which target intravenous drug users and others at high risk for HIV/AIDS. . Department of Health epidemiological data of AIDS cases were used to determine the allocation of the set-aside funds. The cumulative number of AIDS cases over a three year period from each county was calculated and totaled by SPA to determine Florida's allocation methodology among geographic areas. Set-aside expenditures of block grant funding of \$4,764,516 for HIV Early Intervention Services in 2005-06 is provided on Form 4. In 2005-06, 16,039 clients received these services through substance abuse treatment providers. In 2005-06, 17,572 clients received HIV Early Intervention Services and 28,770 received HIV educational services.

In FY 2005-06 and 2006-07 there were 41 service providers under contract with the Department providing HIV Early Intervention Services. These services are located at the substance abuse treatment sites and are designed to provide the core program model prescribed in 45 CFR Part 96.128. Florida's model approved through prior block grant applications also allows for expanded counseling and case management services for individuals identified as HIV positive or living with AIDS. HIV Early Intervention Services are available to most clients served in treatment, and if not contracted to a specific agency, at minimum, counseling and testing services are provided by referral to public county health units.

Commitment to client and staff HIV/AIDS education is reinforced through the substance abuse licensure rule. An HIV/AIDS confirmation is required of all licensed substance abuse treatment providers affirming that all employees of the agency have completed within six months of hire the basic 2 hour HIV/AIDS education course required by the DCFS, and affirming that they will receive a two hour update biannually. The confirmation also requires affirmation that age-appropriate HIV/AIDS education will be provided to persons receiving services based on educational, cognitive, and other levels of functioning. Such courses must encompass modes of transmission, infection control procedures, clinical management, and prevention of HIV/AIDS, with emphasis on appropriate behavior and attitude change. Current Florida law and its impact on testing, confidentiality of test results, and treatment of patients must be addressed.

The Substance Abuse Program Office is worked closely with the Florida Department of Health in implementing rapid HIV testing in targeted areas of the state through HIV Early Intervention Block Grant funded and SAMHSA funded sites.

## HIV Early Intervention Programs Receiving Funds

HIV EARLY INTERVENTION FUNDS REPORTED BY STATE PROVIDER				
Program	Status	Address	Phone	Funds
DISTRICT 1 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM OFFICE	A	160 Governmental Center Pensacola, FL 32505	n/a	\$100,728
DISTRICT 2 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM OFFICE	A	2639 North Monroe Street Suite 200-A Tallahassee, FL 32303	n/a	\$130,850
DISTRICT 3 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM OFFICE	A	1621 NE Waldo Road Gainesville, FL 32609	n/a	\$227,575

DISTRICT 4 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM OFFICE	A	5920 Arlington Expressway Jacksonville, FL 32211	n/a	\$637,290
DISTRICT 7 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM OFFICE	A	400 West Robinson Street Hurstons Bldg., South Tower Suite 1129 Orlando, FL 32801	n/a	\$584,930
DISTRICT 8 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM OFFICE	A	Fort Meyers Regional Service Center 2295 Victoria Avenue Fort Meyers, FL 33901	n/a	\$154,211
DISTRICT 9 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM OFFICE	A	111 South Sapodilla Avenue West Palm Beach, FL 33401	n/a	\$575,854
DISTRICT 10 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM OFFICE	A	Broward Regional Service Center 201 West Broward Blvd., Suite 406 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301	n/a	\$820,057
DISTRICT 11 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM OFFICE	A	401 NW 2nd Avenue, Room 1007 North Tower Miami, FL 33128	n/a	\$1,290,179
DISTRICT 12 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM OFFICE	A	210 North Palmetto Avenue Daytona Beach Service Center Daytona Beach, FL 32114	n/a	\$106,024
DISTRICT 13 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM OFFICE	A	1601 West Gulf-Atlantic Highway Wildwood, FL 34785	n/a	\$166,604
DISTRICT 14 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM OFFICE	A	4720 Old Highway 37 Lakeland, FL 33813	n/a	\$104,434
DISTRICT 15 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM OFFICE	A	Fort Pierce Regional Service Center 337 North 4th Street, Suite A Fort Pierce, FL 34950	n/a	\$196,939
SUNCOAST REGION DISTRICT SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM OFFICE	A	9393 North Florida Avenue Tampa, FL 33612	n/a	\$598,533

**Status Key:** [A] Active, [I] Inactive, [n/a] Not available, [P] Facility physically closed, [S] No substance abuse services provided, [U] Closed as duplicate of another facility.